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# HOUSE BILL No. 1026

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-22-1-19.

**Synopsis:** Storage fees for abandoned vehicles. Provides that if a public agency or towing operator fails to notify the bureau of motor vehicles (bureau) of the removal of an abandoned vehicle within 72 hours after the vehicle is removed, the public agency or towing operator: (1) may not initially collect more in reimbursement for the costs of storing the vehicle than the cost incurred for storage for 72 hours; and (2) may collect reimbursement for the rest of the storage costs incurred only after notifying the bureau of the removal of the abandoned vehicle.

**Effective:** Upon passage.

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January 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 9-22-1-19 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 19. (a) Within  
3 seventy-two (72) hours after removal of an abandoned vehicle to a  
4 storage area under section 13, 14, or 16 of this chapter, the public  
5 agency or ~~storage lot~~ **towing operator** shall prepare and forward to the  
6 bureau an abandoned vehicle report containing a description of the  
7 vehicle, including the following information concerning the vehicle:  
8 (1) The make.  
9 (2) The model.  
10 (3) The identification number.  
11 (4) The number of the license plate.  
12 (b) The public agency or ~~storage lot~~ **towing operator** shall request  
13 that the bureau advise the public agency or ~~storage lot~~ **towing operator**  
14 of the name and most recent address of the person who owns or holds  
15 a lien on the vehicle.  
16 (c) **Notwithstanding section 4 of this chapter, if the public**  
17 **agency or towing operator fails to notify the bureau of the removal**



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1 of an abandoned vehicle within seventy-two (72) hours after the  
2 vehicle is removed as required by subsection (a), the public agency  
3 or towing operator:

4 (1) may not initially collect more in reimbursement for the  
5 costs of storing the vehicle than the cost incurred for storage  
6 for seventy-two (72) hours; and

7 (2) may collect reimbursement under this chapter for the rest  
8 of the storage costs incurred only after notifying the bureau  
9 of the removal of the abandoned vehicle.

10 SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.

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